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Applicants:	Chet M. Crump et al.	Docket No.:	BA-00117
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Filed:	December 13, 1999	Date:	July 8, 2002

For: Endotracheal Catheter and Manifold Assembly with Improved Valve

Terminal Disclaimer

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Sir:

The Present Application

1. Ballard Medical Products, doing business at 12050 Lone Peak Parkway, Draper, Utah 84020, is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-referenced present pending U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/459,522 filed on December 13, 1999, for "Endotracheal Catheter and Manifold Assembly with Improved Valve".
2. Assignment of the inventors' rights in present patent application serial number 09/459,522 to Ballard Medical Products is evidenced by an assignment document which has been recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 010643, Frame 0806.

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1. Ballard Medical Products is also the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to copending U.S. Patent Number 6,227,200 B1 issued on May 8, 2001, for "Respiratory Suction Catheter Apparatus".
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2. Ballard Medical Products hereby agrees that any patent granted upon present U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/459,522 shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the legal title to such patent shall be the same as the legal title to U.S. Patent Number 6,227,200 B1. This agreement shall run with any patent granted upon present U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/459,522 and shall be binding upon Ballard Medical Products, its successors and/or assigns.

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The undersigned is an attorney of record in the present application having U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/459,522.

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Respectfully submitted,
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Date: July 8, 2002

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